

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**July 20, 1998
MAG Offices - Mesquite Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300, Phoenix, Arizona**

MEMBERS ATTENDING

**Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman
Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Vice Chairman
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler**

**Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale
Mayor John Keegan, Peoria**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Chairman Neil Giuliano.

2. Approval of the June 4, and July 2, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Elaine Scruggs moved, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 4, and July 2, 1998 meetings.

3. Valley Vision 2025 Update

Chairman Giuliano introduced Diane McCarthy, Co-Chairman of the Valley Vision 2025 Committee. Ms. McCarthy updated the Executive Committee on recent activities of the Committee. Ms. McCarthy stated that the Committee is an outstanding group. She said that at the July meeting, the co-chairs decided to give all committee members an opportunity for exchange of ideas. Ms. McCarthy reported that the Committee discussed that with six to seven million people forecast to be in the region by 2025, the direction they will take in determining the final product of Valley Vision 2025.

Ms. McCarthy stated that the Committee would break up into smaller subcommittees, since issues are worked out better in smaller groups.

Ms. McCarthy stated that corporate interests have not yet stepped up with funding. Ms. McCarthy mentioned that we have not presented them with a plan, and there is also the Growing Smarter Initiative, which is sure to be passed. At present, funding has been through public money only. Mayor Tibshraeny asked if the Valley Vision 2025 budget had been revised. Referring to the Budget Sheet handout, Mr. Bourey replied that the budget had been revised to \$984,000. Mayor Tibshraeny asked if the remaining funds are up to date? Mr. Bourey replied that there may be some recent changes not included in the revised budget and revisions would be made soon.

Chairman Giuliano stated that corporate representatives must be able to feel the Vision could happen. Ms. McCarthy stated that she does not know where corporate businesses are on the Growing Smarter Initiative. Ms. McCarthy stated that we need to show finite pieces, issues the subcommittees will cover, and how we fit into the Growing Smarter Initiative. Ms. McCarthy

suggested that Valley Vision 2025 could implement the Initiative, but that we will need to show how we could apply the concepts.

Mayor Scruggs stated that the project should concentrate on how we live. She also expressed concern over connections with the Growing Smarter Initiative. Ms. McCarthy said she agreed with Mayor Scruggs's statements. She said that the Growing Smarter group understands the concepts Valley Vision 2025 is working on. Mayor Scruggs asked if the consultant, Vernon Swaback & Associates understands what we want to accomplish. Mr. Bourey explained that the consultants have had many discussions with Committee members, who have communicated many perspectives.

Mayor Rimsza stated that the most valuable matter to him is to hear from the Committee how the concepts will apply long term. Mayor Rimsza noted that growth can pay for itself by the imposition of impact fees or from general sales tax revenue. He commented that legislation for transit funding seems to have a better success rate with the voters when it is approached city by city, rather than as a region. Mayor Rimsza also brought up the question of Indian land vs. State lands--should the roads connect and the infrastructure be shared? Mayor Keegan stated that it is important to designate tax use to the Legislature for certain projects. He spoke about changes that should be considered in the State Water Policy. He said that in the City of Peoria, water supply will soon exceed demand. He commented that under existing federal legislation, the excess water cannot be sold, and there will be no choice but to let the extra water run down the river. Mayor Rimsza asked if a split rate structure could be used. Mayor Keegan replied that should be avoided.

Mayor Tibshraeny stated that he desires working concepts, not just a final document sitting on a shelf. Mayor Scruggs stated that the model should be extended to other areas.

Chairman Giuliano asked how the collaboratives were proceeding. Ms. McCarthy replied that the collaboratives have been very successful and helpful in the concepts. She said the collaboratives work on a group of issues and then match the subcommittees with the hot button issues.

Mayor Scruggs asked if it could be arranged for the City of Glendale to have a summit organized in order to bring out the citizens and their viewpoints. Ms. McCarthy replied that there are a video and disc that may be useful in informing the public. Mr. Bourey stated that the video is in the final stages of completion. Chairman Giuliano suggested that Ms. McCarthy present the video at the next Regional Council study session.

4. Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century Update

Mr. Bourey stated that TEA 21 is the most critical issue the Regional Council has dealt with in a while. He noted that increased funding is coming to the State, though not necessarily to the region. Mr. Bourey introduced John Farry, MAG, who previously worked with in Washington, D.C. on ISTEA, for an update on TEA 21. Mr. Farry handed out information sheets that he obtained from the TEA 21 web page.

Mr. Farry informed the Committee that under ISTEA, 50 percent in suballocation funding came to our region. Under TEA 21, due to a different formula calculation, our region will actually receive less than 50 percent. Mr. Farry noted that the state will receive a 57 percent increase in suballocation funds over the next six years, whereas the region will receive only a 9 percent increase. Mayor Rimsza asked if that meant that the region would not receive a fair allocation. Mr. Bourey replied that the donor/donee concept has been successful nationally, but we have to

be active and work cooperatively statewide in order that the region receive their fair allocation of funds. Mayor Keegan asked who determines the allocations. Mr. Bourey replied that the State Transportation Board decides. Chairman Giuliano commented that Mary Peters, ADOT, has been doing a good job on coordination efforts. He said that we need a coordinated, strategic approach to deal with ADOT and the State Board. Chairman Giuliano noted that ADOT has not yet decided on their policy. He commented that the urban regions need greater allocations of funding.

Mayor Scruggs asked about the decision-making and spending for the allocations. Chairman Giuliano replied that though the Regional Council makes the final decision, there are set guidelines for new funding. He said that the Transportation Subcommittee will be working on these decisions. Mayor Scruggs asked if the MOVE IT Committee and the Transportation Subcommittee would be working toward the same goals. Mr. Bourey replied that the MOVE IT Committee will meet during a two-year period, and may include Transportation Subcommittee input.

Mr. Bourey stated that Federal Certification Process noted that ADOT must provide state and federal funding estimates for this region. He said that this has not been done in the past, but the certification process has better defined the procedure. He said it is important for the Regional Council to provide more input on projects that need to be done.

5. Showcase Agency Presentations

Chairman Giuliano stated that there has been discussion whether the Showcase Agency presentation held at the Regional Council meetings be continued on an optional basis. Chairman Giuliano noted this change is being discussed in order shorten the length of meetings and dedicate more time to Council business. Chairman Giuliano asked for discussion.

Mayor Tibshraeny said he agreed that the Showcase presentation be made optional. He stated that since most of the agencies have already made presentations, the remainder of agencies may not wish to present.

Mayor Keegan commented that the presentations take up time that could be allotted to Council business.

Mayor Scruggs stated that, in the past, the Regional Council members traveled to host locations for the meetings. The Showcase Agency presentation idea was begun in order to eliminate the travel time. Mayor Scruggs said she agreed that the presentation be made optional.

Mayor Rimsza said he agreed that the Councilmembers' time is very valuable and more meeting time could be dedicated to complex issues being discussed if the presentations are made an option.

Committee members suggested that Mr. Bourey send a letter to the Council members informing them of the change and asking if any member, who has not had a chance to present, wished to do so.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary